Amending law for police reforms

†1556. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH:
SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government are proposing to amend the law, in order to keep the police system free from political and bureaucratic pressures;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the progress made regarding the action taken/likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) The Committee of experts led by Shri Soli Sorabjee has submitted to Government a draft Model Police Act. The Union Government is considering introduction of a Bill to cover Police administration in the Union Territories to replace the earlier enactments. Since Police is a State subject, individual State Governments are at the liberty to adopt the central legislation, as it is, or to modify and adopt it, or to pass any other kind of law, as per the provisions of the Constitution and also keeping in view, the judgement of the Supreme Court passed on 22.9.2006 in Civil Writ Petition No. 310 of 1996 in the matter of Prakash Singh & others *Vs.* Union of India & Others.

Bomb blasts in Assam

1557. SHRI URKHAO GWARA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the initiative taken by Government to normalize the ongoing tense situation in Assam, where a number of innocent people lost their life in bomb blasts, and firing by security personnel during the operation;

(b) the details of Government's measures and instructions to the security personnel in Assam, to restrain from violating human rights, by killing the children and the women; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) Government's action against the guilty for killing five years old Debojit Moran at Tinsukia, Assam, on 9th November, 2006?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Government had declared unilateral Suspension of Operations (SoO) by Army against United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA) from 13.8.2006 to 20.9.2006 with a view to creating the conducive atmosphere for holding of peace talks. There was no direct response from ULFA and some inputs were received to regrouping, new raising, violence, collection of weapons/explosives and extortion by ULFA cadres. Hence, Counter Insurgency (CI) operations were resumed.

(b) On the basis of detailed instructions in the forms of Do's & Don't formation of the Army have framed their own standard operating procedures. Security Forces have already been sensitized to take care of human rights while conducting CI operations. In cases where abuse of powers is established, action against the concerned personnel of the Armed Forces is taken as per the law.

(c) According to reports Master Debojit Moran was killed in the Crossfire between ULFA cadre and Army on 8.11.2006 by ULFA firing, Government of Assam has also constituted a one-man Enquiry Committee headed by the Additional Chief Secretary to inquire into circumstances, which led to killing of Debojit Moran.

Terrorism in the country

1558. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether terrorist activities in the country have increased;

(b) if so, the details of life and property lost and compensation paid during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether India has called upon the international community to unitedly fight terrorism; and